

**PRIVATE CHAPTER NO. 31**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2364**

**By Representative Fincher**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2363**

**By Senator Burks**

AN ACT to amend Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999; as amended by Chapter 115 of the Private Acts of 2000; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999, as amended by Chapter 115 of the Private Acts of 2000, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 4 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 4. Subject to Sections 5 and 11, and other provisions relative to removal from office, the term of office for members of the Board of Trustees shall be for seven (7) years, and no member shall serve more than one (1) full term without a three-year break. One (1) trustee shall be a physician who is a member of the hospital staff who will serve a seven-year term, one (1) trustee shall be the person who is holding the office of Mayor of the City of Cookeville, or the mayor's designee from the city council, who shall serve during such person's term of office, and one (1) trustee shall be the person holding the position of Chief of Staff of Cookeville Regional Medical Center, who shall serve during his/her term of office. The terms of office of all members of the Board of Trustees of Cookeville Regional Medical Center, except the Mayor of the City of Cookeville and the hospital Chief of Staff, shall expire on July 31 of the year in which the member's term of office ends, and each new trustee shall take office on August 1 after such person's election. The membership of the Board of Trustees of Cookeville Regional Medical Center shall at no time include more than three (3) physicians and no more than four (4) licensed health care providers. If a physician or a licensed health care provider is elected mayor of the City of Cookeville, and the membership of the Board of Trustees already includes three (3) physicians or four (4) licensed health care providers, the mayor shall appoint another city councilman to serve as his/her designee.

SECTION 2. Chapter 49 of the Private Acts of 1999, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 6. The Cookeville City Council shall nominate and elect the successor trustee or trustees by a majority vote of its members. The trustee position of the medical staff physician shall be nominated by the hospital medical staff and presented to the city council for confirmation no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term of the trustee. The city council shall elect the physician nominated by the medical staff or a physician nominated by a city councilman no later than July 31 of the year in which the current physician's term ends.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the legislative body of the City of Cookeville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.

**PASSED: April 16, 2007**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 27th day of April 2007**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR